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Howdy pardners and welcome to another edition of "AR". This bulletin is on fire as of late and I'd like to welcome all you new readers to the "AR" family. As you can see by the above title, I switched my locales for my main event. This was an afternoon show that Mega Arena Reporter Dan Reilly attended. Boston was that same night with the same crew. The matinee headliner gave me time to get this done on Sat. night. Not taking anything away from this card in Hartford, the section you'll want to read more than anything else in this ish is "Ramblings". The phone lines have been burning in the past week with lots of info concerning the Clash aftermath. The NWA is backed in a corner personel wise. Along with the hot "Ramblings", we have another installment of "A Piece of My Mind" with Evan Ginzburg, a review on SNME, and also a review on the clash.

Next issue will be a special "Gala In Greensboro" edition as I'll be attending Wrestle War live. Remember last years "Phun In Philly" issue? (I got struck with Cobbitis last year when I typed (Phun). This is another get together promoted by Master Steve Sims. Should once again be a hoot. I think our call should be to Jack Hammeroyd. I also have a review on the WWF's prime time Main Event special and another "Cosmic Clothesline" column from Jersey Joe Mullins.

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Opening Match

Ronnie Garvin defeated Brooklyn Brawler in 13:52 with the scorpion. Ragged Ron set up Lombardi with the dreaded Garvin stomp. $\frac{1}{2}$ *

2nd Match

Terry "Rooster" Taylor downed Al Perez making the the former World Class heavyweight champion submit to the chicken wing in 11:33. They sleptwalked through the first 8 minutes. Can't believe Al's submitting. $\frac{1}{2}$ *

3rd Match

Hercules Hernandez made the Conquistador submit to his backbreaker in 6:56. Bad but at least short. Dud

4th Match

Dusty Rhodes beat Randy Savage via count out in 8:10. The crowd was frantic over this one. Sherri was knocking the stuffing (lots of it)

out of Dusty. Sapphire stole Sherri's purse and gave it to Rhides. Big Dust knocked Randy out of the ring with it where he got counted out. Awesome heat. *** $\frac{1}{2}$

5th Match

Jim Neidhart pinned Greg Valentine in 10:31. Greg missed a charge in the corner and Anvil rolled him up. Bad to the Moondogs' bone. -**

Tag Team Match

The Rockers beat Powers of Pain in 10:06. Marty Jannetty was a rag doll in this one. Getting knocked every which way but loose. Great match with a quick ending as Stogie tripped Michaels for the Dq.*** $\frac{3}{4}$

Steel Cage Match

Roddy Piper beat Rick Rude in 10:26 as he crawled out of the cage. They did a false finish at one point where both guys were climbing down the cage but the ref ruled they hit the floor at the same time. They brawled on the outside for awhile before getting back in. As Piper was leaving the ring, Al Perez came down and slammed the cage door on his head. Why Al? He submitted to Rooster's chicken wing. ... Attendance was 9,000 ***

Ramblings

Not only does the NWA always make the wrong moves but they also have the worse luck in the world. The injury to Sting that you all heard about this past weekend is legit. If you go back to the match at the Clash you'll see him hobbling after the second attempt to climb the cage. He's got torn ligaments and it looks like he'll be out up to three months. So who does that leave for Flair to wrestle at Wrestle War? Why Lex Luger of course. They won't turn Lex on TV as since the Clash, Flair has been booed heavily everywhere. So the fans will turn Luger on their own. One thing for sure. The belt will change hands. Take it to the bank and cash it already.... Personnel wise on the face front, they are hurting. Steve Williams contract ran out and he's history. Muta quit the day after Clash due to being approached by Sakaguchi about returning to Japan combined with his displeasure in being pushed down on cards... Where was Tully Blanchard Tuesday night you ask? He was in Corpus but the figure agreed upon before that night was changed and Tully wouldn't sign the contract so don't look for him to be around anytime soon... The NWA needs some faces now as single wrestlers. Break up the Steiner tag team, bring back Steamboat, do something... A note on Muta. He does have a meeting with NWA officials Monday morning. They may convince him to stay. If they do, watch for a strong babyface push... Mike Rotunda has turned face and will feud with Cactus Jack as Manson attacked Mike after they lost a tag match. That should air this weekend... Almost confirmed for that New Japan, All Japan, WWF card in April has Terry Gordy meeting Hulk Hogan and Tenryu taking on Randy Savage. There is big talk that Gordy will be Titan bound after that show. If that's the case, I know who will win most unimproved wrestler of 1990... Do you think Vince McMahon is a little ticked off today? Not sure what effect Mike Tyson losing his title will have on the Prime Time special. In all honesty, the tickets for the show in Detroit haven't been selling as well as expected anyway. But I'm sure it will hurt a little... Wrestling Observer editor Dave Meltzer now has a weekly column in the new Sports daily The National. But don't worry, our prized pulitzer will not be abandoning WO... I have recently been named administrator of a corrective action team at my "real" job. Does that make me on the same level with J.J. Dillon and Harry White... Buddy Landell's name being tossed about in the FCW...

"A Piece Of My Mind"

by Evan Ginzburg

Welcome back to another "Piece of My Mind". Without further ado... 80's At A Glance- Since you're all probably nauseas by now from all the "Best Of" polls in the bulletins, here's a variation on that theme. The best U.S. matches I saw live. (Not counting PPVs) Flair-Steamboat, Flair-Windham, Flair-Race, War Games (Nassau Coliseum), Abby-Brody, Piper-Snuka, Piper-Tonga Kid, Piper/Orton-Tonga/Snuka, Piper/Orton-Bruno/Orndorff, Sting-Funk, Backlund-Adonis, Midnights-R & R Express, Midnights-Tully/Arn, Midnights-Fantastics, Slaughter-Sheik, Steamboat-Roberts, S.D. Jones-Butcher Vachon (Just kidding. Wanted to see if your still with me.), Bockwinkle-Martel.

Better Than Nothing Department- The last few WWF shows I've gone to (or have seen live on MSG cable) have been pretty similar in structure. A generally wretched undercard with a sizzling main event. (Piper-Rude lumberjack, Hogan-Hennig, Piper-Rude cage) The MSG card that featured the cage match was particularly schizophrenic. The show was so bad I was about to lapse into a coma and then the last match saw my man Roddy and the vastly improved Rick Rude put on a four star bloodbath that also featured several near pins and Rude's leaps off the top of the cage. It was almost as if the WWF said, "We've put on the midgets, Damien, Koko Ware's new head... now let's put the kiddies to sleep and have some real action." (Pardon the word real, I got carried away for a second.) Anyway, if the WWF would only put on one or two more quality matches per show they'd probably stand a chance of winning back some of their older disgruntled fans like myself. The talent's there- the effort generally isn't. (Is there any reason why Roberts-DiBiase should stink?)

Wrestlemania VI Update- Just booked. You heard it here first: Hulk Hogan vs. Richard Belzer, Dave Meltzer vs. Bill Kunkel, and President Bush vs. Manuel Noriega. (Winner keeps the Panama Canal.) McMadman is also negotiating with Jessica Hahn to go behind bars and challenge Jim Baker inside a real life steel cage. Should be hot folks...

Question Of The Month- How come when Abdullah the Butcher gives autographs, he signs Mr. Abdullah, but Mr. Pogo only writes Pogo? Any psychologists out there, your theories on these behavioral oddities will be most appreciated. It probably has something to do with self-concept/self esteem, but I'm no professional.

Pretty Weird Stuff Department- I was looking through some old programs and my eyes popped out when I saw this result from the 7/24/76 Nassau Coliseum card- Bruiser Brody W Jose Gonzales. Who would have known that two guys in a meaningless prelim I'd totally forgotten having seen would one day change the history of pro wrestling.

Philisophical Corner- If anyone out there has read the French philosopher Sartre's No Exit, they'll know that he did not believe in the Devil and eternal Hellfire. He felt that sinners faced their own Hell. (I.E.- In No Exit, three people who hate each other spend eternity together in the same room.) My personal concept of Hell is being locked in a room forever with a TV that only plays Dino Bravo matches on every station.

Rings and Things- Zeus appears in the new music video by The Boyz. Let's keep the big guy on the screen and out of the ring!...Ron Lemieux vows to move no more than four times this year. This way he can keep "AR" running smooth and avoid the authorities at the same time...Our own Scott Dickinson served as NWA timekeeper on a recent card...ICW put on a poor card and drew 200 in their Brooklyn debut 12/15...They've yet to announce another card. Way to promote guys... See everybody next time.

Correspondent Reports

Baltimore Arena

Baltimore, MD

January 20, 1990

Correspondent: Bruce Ginevan

1) Royal Family beat Ranger Ross & Eddie Gilbert as Jacko pinned Ross after Lord Littlebrook hit the good Ranger with the cane. D 2) Tommy Rich pinned Mike Rotunda after Mike thought he won the match. But ref saw his foot on the ropes. Tommy came from behind and cradled him. Dud 3) Kevin Sullivan defeated Norman the Lunatic via count out. Sullivan threw Normie's bear when they were brawling on the floor. When Norman went to retrieve it, he got counted out. C 4) Rock & Roll Express downed the Midnight Express when Robert Gibson stole Corny's racquet and nailed Eaton. B 5) Wild Samoans beat Dynamic Dudes as Fatu pinned Johnny Ace. Mostly Samoans destroying Dudes. C 6) Sting pinned Great Muta after Buzz Sawyer's interference backfired. Loys of restholds. C 7) Arn Anderson small packaged Buzz Sawyer in a short bout. Buzz bled the hardway when Arn cracked a chair over his head. C 8) Ric Flair pinned Lex Luger after Lex thought he had the bout won. B 9) Steiner Brothers defeated Doom in a cage with Scott pinning Butch Reed. Great Steiner moves. Att: 7,000

Dorton Arena

Raleigh, NC

January 22, 1990

Correspondent: Mike Gunter

1) Samoan Savage pinned Ranger Ross in 8:00. Not good. D- 2) Kevin Sullivan downed Norman the Lunatic in 9:00. Poor. D 3) Dynamic Dudes beat Midnight Express as Johnny Ace pinned Eaton after Cornette accidentally hit Bobby with the racquet. Afterwards, the Dudes beat up on Jim until Shane pinned him. C 4) Samoan Swat Team beat Rock & Roll Express as Samu pinned Robert Gibson after a splash in 13:00. C 5) The Steiners beat Doom as Scott pinned Ron Simmons in 12:00. C- 6) Ric Flair beat Lex Luger in the same finish as Baltimore. B+ 7) Sting, and the Andersons beat Muta, Sawyer, Dragonmaster in 11:00 in a cage as Sting pinned Dragonmaster after a splash from the top rope. B Att: 1,0

Landover Capital Centre

Landover, MD

January 27, 1990

Correspondent: Bruce Ginevan

1) Tugboat Thomas pinned Conquistador #56 with a splash. Dud 2) The Genius defeated Tito Santana by count out as they were both trying to get back in the ring but Poffo kicked Tito down to beat the count. C 3) Ted DiBiase pinned Hacksaw Duggan after Virgil tripped Hack. C 4) The Rockers beat Powers of Pain via DQ as Fuji grabbed Michael's leg. Rockers worked their butts off. B 5) Randy Savage pinned Jake Roberts after a ref bump as DiBiase interfered and nailed Jake. No Sherri. C 6) Jim Neidhart downed Honkey Tonk Man as Jimmy Hart's interference backfired. Dud. 7) Hulk Hogan retained the WWF title pinning Curt "Perfect"? Hennig with the legdrop. C+

The Omni

Atlanta, GA

January 26, 1990

Correspondent: Mike Gunter

1) Mike Rotunda pinned Tommy Rich in 11:00. D 2) Kevin Sullivan beat Norman the Lunatic in a pretty poor bout. D+ 3) Dynamic Dudes downed Royal Family as Johnny Ace pinned Rip Morgan in 13:00. C+ 4) Rock & Roll Express beat Midnight Express as Ricky Morton pinned Bobby Eaton after Cornette's racquet backfired. B+ 5) Sting beat Dragonmaster in a match that Mike said should have been a two minute squash. C-

6) Arn Anderson beat Great Muta in 12:00. C+ 7) Ric Flair pinned Lex Luger in a A- match. 8) Steiners & Roadies beat Doom & Samoans in a cage. Great comedy and ggod action. Rick Steiner pinned Reed Doom. B+ Att: 4,400 Grades are composite of Mike, Steve Beverly, & Dick Bourne.

Mid-Hudson Civic Center

Poughkeepsie, NY

January 29, 1990

Correspondent: Andy King

1) The Genius pinned Mark Young (sub for Hillbilly) in 7:51 with a crucifix. 2) Tito Santana beat Honkey Tonk Man in 13:08. As HTM lifted Tito for a suplex, he went over the back and cradles Honkey. 3) Paul Roma beat Frenchy Martin (sub for Horowitz) in 11:31. 4) Rockers beat Bolsheviks in 11:42 when Michaels pinned Zhukov after the double fistedrop. B 5) Jim Neidhart powerslammed Bob Bradley in 7:00. Bradley a sub for Akeem. 6) Big Boss Man pinned Bret Hart after using the nightstick in 10:40. Neidhart got involved after and bodyslammed Slick. 7) Jake Roberts beat Curt Hennig via DQ in 13:25. Genius interfered and they tied Jake in the ropes and went for the million dollar belt. But Roberts freed himself and clotheslined both and gave Poffo the Damien treatment. Att: 3,000

Providence Civic Center

Providence, RI

February 2, 1990

Correspondent: Louie Fortuna

1) The Genius beat Jim Neidhart in 7:55 as Curt Hennig came to ring-side and nailed the "Anvil" in the back to enable Poffo to score the pin. 2) Rick Martel pinned Brutus Beefcake in 16:18 as Beefer was trying to revive a bumped ref. Martel hit him with an object and pinned him. 3) Hercules beat Conquistador in 10:20 with a backbreaker. 4) Curt Hennig beat Hulk Hogan via DQ in 16:34. Sorry, by count out as Poffo distracted Hogan. 5) Bushwhackers beat Bolsheviks in 12:53. Zhukov took off his boot but Luke took it away and whakered him and Butch scored the pin. 6) Koko Ware downed Bob Bradley with a ghostbuster in 5:54. 7) Dusty Rhodes beat Randy Savage via count out in a mere 5:21. Sherri and Sapphire were getting into it. Sherri grabbed Dusty but as Randy went to hit the Dream, Dusty moved and Savage hit Sherri. Rhodes jumped in to beat the count. Att: 7,000

Springfield Civic Center

Springfield, MA

February 3, 1990

Correspondent: Dan Reilly

1) Herc beat Conquistador with the backbreaker in 8:31. Cong had an object in his mask but no one cared. Should they? -** 2) Canadian Earthquake beat Paul Roma in 7:57. Roma did a stretcher job. Dan said there were two paramedics who looked like Rene Goulet and Jay Strongbow. * $\frac{1}{2}$ all for Roma. 3) Hacksaw Duggan beat Honkey Tonk Man when Honkey ran into Jimmy Hart who was on the apron. Duggan rolled him up. Hack was chanting USA. I know. Memphis is such a communist city. $\frac{1}{2}$ * 4) Ultimate Warrior beat Dino Bravo in 12:33 with a press and splash. After the bout, Earthquake did some Warrior stomping. Jimmy Hart got stripped to his undies by Warrior. ** 5) Ted DiBiase beat Jake Roberts via count out in a return match from Hartford. (Makes sense. The last card in Hartford was cancelled. Virgil was barred from ringside. But he came out near the end. Jake got counted out after Ted rammed his head into the ringpost. As the heels went for the million dollar belt, Jake recovered and DDT'd Virgil. Great heat. *** 6) Jim Powers beat Frenchy Martin in 6:13. Dan missed the finish as it was too exciting and fast to follow. No grade. 7) Bushwhackers beat Bolsheviks in same bout as Providence. Most of the crowd doing the whacker strut.

Saturday Night's Main Event Review

1) Randy Savage beat Hacksaw Duggan as Hack had Savage up for a suplex but Sherri pulled his leg and Randy fell on top for the pin. Sherri's work at ringside is great but it's getting old hat. This was the best match I've seen involving these two. ** $\frac{1}{2}$ 2) Hulk Hogan & Ultimate Maniac beat Curt Hennig & The Genius as Warrior press slammed Poffo and Hulk used the dreaded leg drop. The heels looked like human ping pong balls. After, while Warrior is clearing the ring, he mistakenly hits Hulk with a clothesline. They push and shove and that's it. Another tease. *** 3) Jake Roberts beat Greg Valentine via DQ as Roberts gave Greg the DDT but DiBiase & Virgil interfered. Bout was awful. * for post match brawl. 4) Rick Rude and Dusty Rhodes went to a double count out. Heenan and Sapphire sent back to the dressing room but Saphy bought a ticket to sit front row. (Funny.) Did you see Dusty's phantom backdrop? Rude had to do a flip himself over the obese "Dream" (?). Dud 5) Dino Bravo beat Ron Garvin when he reversed a Garvin flying press. - $\frac{1}{2}$ * ... Mike Tyson was mentioned a couple of times in the commentary so I'm sure they did the soundtrack for announcing Thursday or Friday before the show aired....

Clash of Champions Review

1) Steve Williams beat Samoan Savage with a backslide. (No times as my stopwatch stopped working recently.) There was some hesitation before the finishing move as it seemed Doc was trying to figure out which way to turn Tama. * $\frac{1}{2}$ ---- They had Terry Funk interview the Horsemen and Ole Anderson (who did a great job with the stick) told Sting he was no longer a Horsemen. That he better back out of the title match with Flair or else. This whole thing made no sense since last week they were saying it didn't matter who held the title as long as it was a Horseman. The NWA changes story lines as much as Abby goes to the dinner table. Flair decks Sting when Sting rebuffs and they tell him he has until the end of the show to change his mind. Angle worked as fans booed loudly.--- 2) Brian Pillman & Tom Zenk beat Mod Squad as Zenk hit Basher with a flying press from the 2nd rope. * 3) Mil Mascaras downed Cactus Jack Manson with a flying bodypress from the top rope. Mil isn't the type of opponent for Cactus. Boring match but bump of the year. Manson did a Memphis UAWF bump where Mil dropkicked him and he fell on the back of his head from the ring apron. Dud match but *** bump. 4) Norman the Toilet Seat Man beat Kevin Sullivan (even though we didn't see the pin.) in a falls count anywhere match. This was a McMahonesque bout all the way. You sure he didn't book it? They brawled to the back and Sully went into the ladies room where a woman ran out screaming. After hesitating, Norman followed in. After alot of noise, Kevin opened the door and fell in the hallway. Nick Patrick came out holding up Norm's hand as the winner as Luny had the toilet seat in his hand. Bathroom humor at it's best. Get it? $\frac{1}{2}$ * for Norman's act. I like it but this angle was too much. 5) Road Warriors beat Skyscrapers by DQ as the "Real Deal" Dan Spivey used a chair. Looked great but match didn't impress me. ** for after the bell. Roadies left laying. 6) Rick and Scott Steiner beat Doom in a title vs. Mask bout. I'm shocked. Doom was... get this, Butch Reed and Ron Simmons. I thought sure it was Ernie Ladd and Tony Atlas. Everyone tells me this match was great but I was falling asleep. * $\frac{3}{4}$ 7) Ric Flair & The Andersons beat Muta, Sawyer, and Dragonmaster in a cage. Arn DDT'd Master. Buzz Sawyer is the number two nut in this sport behind Manson. Team them up and call them the kamikazies. Muta got a huge pop. Too bad he's history. (Tease #1) Sting tried to climb the cage to get at Flair but other faces ran out to pull him down and injure him legit in the process. (Tease #2) Flair ran out of the cage after Sting but the faces tried to keep

him away for good reason. ** $\frac{1}{2}$ NOTES: Where do I start. It seems that the NWA doesn't know what they're doing from one day to the next. Why wasn't Woman with Flair at ringside? Is she buying Doc now. She was at ringside for his match. Every mark, mark and mark knew that Doom had no chance of winning since Woman wasn't with them... Give up plugging that 900 number..... Doc's video was another McMahonism. And I wonder where they got the looking out the ambulance window idea from? Maybe Bruiser Brody in San Antonio?... The live band was different. Thought I was watching FCW for awhile. When Cactus Jack was holding his ears, I thought he was going to break apart the instruments. But he brawled with the "drummer". Funny, that drummer looked like J.T. Southern... If you voted for bump of the year. Manson would have the top ten easily... Great seeing my fave lady in wrestling, Missy Hyatt once again... Lex Luger's interview was a waste of time. I'd be pissed if I were him too... Brian Pillman joins the ranks of Hulk Hogan and Elizabeth as a horrible actor. His rant and rave (sorry J.D.) to Gordon Solie about Sting was horrendous... The turn was good and successful as even Buzzer was cheered.

Letters To The Editor

Royal Rumble

You would not believe how close our ratings of the entire Rumble card were. The only difference is I did like Garvin vs. Valentine a bit better. As to the Rumble match itself, I thought the booking overall was the pits. The first part with Ted, Roddy, Jake, Randy, Bad News, Warlord, and Andre was the best part of the whole show. Middle was mediocre basically because there was no one in who anyone cared about (why did they put all the good workers in first instead of splitting them up?) and the end was dismally booked. I'd have rather had Hennig come into an empty ring for a "perfect win". The first part of this match deserved ****, the middle **, the end ** for a rating of ***. DiBiase for endurance, Piper for entertainment, and Macho Man for selling great were the three best things about the whole night. I don't know how Piper did it, but he managed to pull himself together for the big show as he did at Survivors. And now he may be booked into a feud with Bad News Brown. See what working injured to make dates you shouldn't be gets you? Though I suspect Piper may be able to pull off some decent matches with Brown even though physically he's still in pretty bad shape, he most certainly isn't going to draw with him. Does anyone remember that extremely short feud he had with Hogan that didn't draw? I believe this is what is termed "being set up for the big fall".

I'd have given the card * for overall feel- which is a marginal thumbs down. They say things are better live. Though Duggan surely never is.

Teresa DeMarie
Tuckahoe, NY

Not bad. My parents who hate wrestling were visiting and they watched from beginning to end without a grumble. Titan bashers will say that's because there was no wrestling. Of course there wasn't, don't be ridiculous. A rumble is a street fight and this was a good one. They kept pretty close to the two minute intervals at the beginning although they got shorter towards the end. The star of the rumble was Ted DiBiase who was first in, 18th out and lasted 40 minutes. He wasn't resting the whole time either. Of course Hogan and Warrior had to be in the ring alone but not much happened yet. Hogan dumped Warrior out but "didn't

notice". Mr. Perfect drew the perfect number to be last in the ring and Hogan threw him out to win. I honestly didn't expect him to win as I figured it would be someone new or returning like the last two times. I'm not disappointed but those of you who are, repeat after me, "At least it wasn't Dusty. At least it wasn't Dusty."

Elyse Zois
Union, NJ

Roos, dude

I need your advice. When they plugged at the beginning of Texas Shoot Out that you could actually maybe talk to that "cool muscle dude Sting-Man" live, I raced for the phone to call the Wrestling Hotline! But when I tried to get through, a recorded message said, "We're sorry, your call cannot be completed as dialed". Thinking I did the wrong number thing, I tried again and again until I clued in that maybe the number is good in the USA only. This was a major disappointment! What should I do? Move to the States? Or maybe into your house? (What does your wife look like by the way? And hey Ron, how old would she be?)

J.Z. Travis
Woodstock, ONT

RL- First of all little man, my wife is 15 years too old for you. She's 27. Second, let's just say she'd challenge Missy and Woman for having the biggest "blue eyes". (I know I'll regret saying that.)

Clash X

A big thumbs up for the Clash X. All the matches were good to short of excellent. Angles developed nicely and everyone who appeared had the opportunity to show their stuff. Even though Norman's visit to the zoo reminded me of George Steel's forays, I enjoyed it. It's too bad they ran out of time to give the main event justice. I just can't figure out why folks don't go to the NWA shows in comparison to the WWF. The NWA television product and pay per view telecasts are well done. I wish someone can answer this puzzle and sell it to the NWA. Hey, even though I prefer the WWF, it needs viable competition to maintain our interests.

John Lanigan
McKeesport, PA

Final Word

Hope you enjoyed this issue. This baby may expand for certain issues as this one should have. Looking forward to G-Boro. Special note- Evan Ginzburg has started his own newsletter (never fear, he'll continue his column in AR) which is called "Wrestling-Then & Now". I received an advanced copy of #1 and it looks great. It marks the return to the newsletter pages of Gary Fishman. For those who haven't read Gary's material before, you don't want to miss Evan's new endeavor. Good stuff. Address is P.O. Box 471, Oakland Gardens Station, Flushing, NY 11364. Price is \$1.25 per issue or \$6.00 for six.

Well, until 2/25, have a good two weeks and if you meet anyone that wants to work for the NWA as a good guy, call Atlanta.

See ya,

Ron